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REMARKS

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1. Prior to 24 September 1953, the Flak Kaserne in Wurzen was occupied by about 2,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank and artillery insignia. About 2,200 troops left the installation in the following three shipments on 25 September:

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First shipment. About 700 to 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 5 T-43 tanks, 2 other armored vehicles including No 802, 3 unnumbered armored scout cars, 2 unnumbered armored personnel carriers and 12 trucks

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Second shipment. About 700 to 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 15 six-wheel armored personnel carriers and 20 trucks, some of them loaded with mattress covers, boxes and timber.

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Third shipment. About 700 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 7 six-wheel armored personnel carriers, 12 x 82-mm mortars, 3 x 76-mm field guns, 3 x 57-mm AT guns and 42 trucks

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partly loaded with timber, blankets, overcoats and barrels. All trucks were provided with head-light dimmings and with white stripes along the side and rear walls. The trains to have left toward Dresden. Between 25 and 30 September, the installation was occupied only by a rear unit of about 300 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The unit returned between 30 September and 1 October. On the evening of 1 October, the installation seemed to have been occupied as it had been prior to 24 September.

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2. On 28 September, about 25 recruits arrived at the Wurzen railroad station. They were driven to the barracks installation on truck. Vehicles at the installation prior to 1 October included a total of 20 T-43 tanks, 22 six-wheel armored personnel carriers, 10 four-wheel armored scout cars, 12 x 57-mm AT guns, 10 x 76-mm field guns and 2 new type armored vehicles with T-34 chassis, a fixed, turret-like superstructure with a hatch on top. However, without armament. Motor vehicles identified in traffic to and from the barracks installation.

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3. [redacted] the Mulde River bridge was not yet completed, that the bridge across the canal was also reconconditioned and that, therefore, the entire vehicular traffic which had hitherto crossed the Mulde River through a ford had to be rerouted. An emergency bridge for motorcycles, bicycles and passengers was built across the canal. 50X1-HUM
4. As the ordered fraternization by Soviet soldiers in some cases resulted in encroachments, the troops at the post have been restricted to quarters since about mid-September. 50X1-HUM
5. [redacted] three bunker-shaped buildings in the ammunition dump located about 400 meters north of the barracks installation. The dump was about 60 x 100 meters in size, surrounded by a wire fence and guarded by sentries with red-bordered black epaulets. Trucks [redacted] were identified in traffic to the installation. 50X1-HUM
- Comment. [redacted] major elements of the units of the 8th Gds Lecz Div in Wurzen have already been at the post in early September. [redacted] The present report leads to the assumption that a major exercise was held in the Koenigsbrueck area where other units of the division could still be assumed in late September. 50X1-HUM

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